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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Nevada located at 950 Maidu Ave, Ste. 200 Nevada City, CA 95959.

The funding would be used for a fuels reduction treatment project on 600 acres of private lands which are currently overgrown with dense vegetation that has not been treated in decades. The project would protect approximately 3,000 residences in the WUI communities of Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley, Rough and Ready and the City of Grass Valley, as well as critical infrastructure for state commerce, such as State Highway 20, power and water infrastructure, and Nevada County facilities. Within one mile of the project, there are seven churches, 12 bridges, six schools, three fire stations, two government buildings, and four emergency shelter sites including the county fairgrounds. The area has not burned for over 100 years and fuels have been largely unmanaged and increase risk of wildfire. The primary vegetation type is brush and timber; other types include oak woodland with a minimal grass and moderate brush component.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Doug LaMalfa  
Member of Congress